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PORTRAIT OF JAMES BLAIR, A. M., D. D.,
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DIARY OF JOHN BLAIR.

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[This little diary is the work of a man who filled the highest offices in his day. He was a councilor at this time, and in the department of Governor Dinwiddie, became, as president of the council, acting governor from January, 1757, to June 7, 1758. The Blair pedigree in QUARTERLY, Vol. V., p. 279, may be recast and republished as follows:

1, ———[1] Blair, of Scotland; had issue at least two sons, viz.: 2, James[2] Blair (born 1655, died April 18, 1743.) A. M. of University of Edinburgh in 1673; commissary to Bishop of London, President of William and Mary (1693–1743). He married Sarah Harrison (born 1670) on June 2, 1687 (tombstone at Jamestown). No issue. 3, Archibald[2] Blair, M. D., at University of Edinburgh in 1685. He married three times. By his first wife, whose name is unknown, he had issue: 4, John[3] Blair, author of the above diary, born in 1687, died November 5, 1771. By second wife, Sarah (Archer?), widow of Bartholomew Fowler, Attorney General, whom he married in 1700–1703, he had at least two daughters, viz.: 5, Elizabeth (born, say, 1710 (?) died April 29, 1775), married August 1, 1728: First, Col. John Bolling, Jr., born 1700, died 1757; and secondly, in 1760–'62, Col. Richard Bland, of Jordans. 6, Harrison (probably named Sarah Harrison, after her aunt, Mrs. Sarah Harrison Blair, wife of the Commissary, born, say, 1715, died November 1, 1755); she married December 11, 1745, Dr. George Gilmer (his second wife). Dr. Archibald Blair's third wife was Mary Wilson, daughter of Col. Wm. Wilson, whom he married about 1720, widow of William Roscow, and of Col. Miles Cary.

I think this diary proves that James Blair, who is put down as a son of Dr. Archibald Blair (QUARTERLY, Vol. V., p. 280), was not in fact such. The references to him in this diary are not such as to suggest the close relationship of a brother. He appears in one place to be called "cousin." He may have been a *nephew* (frequently called cousin), and in this case Archibald Blair, commissioned as Major of the York militia, September 6, 1728, was perhaps his father, and son of Dr. Archibald Blair. The *Gazette* for February 16, 1769, refers doubtless to the same James Blair in the following news item: "This day fortnight as some of Mr. James Blair's children were playing round a fire they had made near the river's bank at his plantation in Prince George county, his daughter, a girl about eleven years, happening to go too near it.

her clothes unfortunately caught the flame, by which, before any assistance could be given her, she was so much burned as to expire the next morning." This James Blair (died about 1773) had three children at least: 1, Daughter burned; 2, Archibald, clerk of the council, born in Williamsburg in 1753, and died in Richmond in 1824, aged 71; 3, Hannah, born 1761, died (single) in Richmond in 1831. There was also a "John Blair, Jr., merchant," living in Williamsburg, who is named in the will of Dr. George Gilmer, and other records. He was probably a brother of the above James Blair.

4, Hon. John Blair, son of Dr. Archibald Blair (born 1687, died November 5, 1771,), was a member of the Virginia Council during the period of this diary. He married Mary Monro (born January 16, 1708), daughter of Rev. John and Christian Monro, and had issue: 1, Christian (1727–1784), married in 1744 Armistead Burwell; 2, Mary (1728–'29, April 1, 1730); 3, John Blair, Judge of the United States Supreme Court (1731–1800); 4, Mary (Mrs. Col. George Braxton), born September 16, 1734; 5, Sarah Archer (died February 19, 1735–6, an infant); 6, Sarah (1738–1804), married Col. Wilson Miles Cary; 7, Dr. James (1741–1772), who married Kitty Eustace, of New York, who married secondly, J. J. Cuthbert; 8, Archibald (b. March 7, 1744–'45), died issueless; 9, Anne (born May 4, 1746), married in 1779 Col. John Banister; 10, Elizabeth, married in 1769 Admiral Samuel Thompson, of the Royal Navy. Of these Judge John Blair married Jean ———, and had four daughters: Nelly, born March 25, 1759; died at 14; Mary, second wife of Robert Andrews; Jane, first wife of Rev. James Henderson; and Christian, b. Dec. 24, 1765. None of them left surviving issue.

The members of the council during the time of this diary were Lewis Burwell, President and acting Governor; William Fairfax, John Blair, William Nelson, William Dawson, D. D., John Lewis, Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin, Philip Ludwell, and William Beverley.]

January, 1751.

1. fine morn, haizy p. m. Snow^{d} in N^{h}, had comp^{y}.
2. Snow^{y} morn. Cold day, at Doct^{r} Gilmers.[1]
3. Clear & cold, writt to Presid^{t}[2] ab^{t} Qu^{n}. Com^{ry} came home.
4. D^{o} writt to Mr. Travis[3] & Mecklin & sent Exps.
5. Fine clear & moderate thaw, rec^{d} ye new Q^{t} r^{t} War^{t}.
6. Cloudy & rainy all day, w^{eh} car^{d} away ye snow. M^{r}. Com^{y}[4] preached.
7. Clear morn & night but cloudy Snowy day, much busin^{s} in Hust^{s}.

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[1] Dr. George Gilmer, of Williamsburg, father of Dr. George Gilmer, of Pen Parke, Albemarle county, which last was colleague of Mr. Jefferson, and grandfather of Thomas W. Gilmer, Tyler's Secretary of the Navy.

[2] The President at this time was Lewis Burwell, successor of Thomas Lee, who died November 14, 1750.

[3] Col. Edward Champion Travis, of Jamestown.

[4] The commissary was Rev. William Dawson, D. D., President of the College.

8. Fine clear day, dined at Col. Burwells & staid all night & danced and drew 14th cake. Col. Cart^{r} Burwell—Ring.

9. Fine day, p^{d} Rights & Pat^{s} fee in Sec^{rs} office.

10. Fine day. Writt to Col. Hunter by Mr. Prentiss[1] Cart.

11. A fine warm day, had a dance & cake at Mr Cock's.

12. Cloudy & drisly, heard at Dr Hays[2] of poor Wm Simmons's fate to dye wth McGuire next ♀.

13. a sad snowy day. Mr Commiss^{y} preach^{d}. Prison^{rs} there.

14. a dull & drisly day for sale of J. B.^{s} Negroes.

15. a cloudy day. Mrs A. Blair at Mrs. Patisons.

16. a clear day. Mrs Blair 43 to-day.

17. Clear & very warm, had comp^{y}. Mr J. R. play'd on his violin & Dr. Hackerston on his G flute.

18. a fine day, communicat. Col. B^{s} lett^{r} to Pelha^{m}.[3]

19. Charm^{g} day. D^{o} my lett^{r} to L—p to W—r.

20. fine day. Miss Sally sore thro^{t} & hind^{d} fr church. Mr B. askt my vote for James Town.

21. Sun soon gone, cloudy & rainy, very high w^{d}, & raining in ye N^{t}.

22. Clear fine morn, but a windy day.

23. Clear cold & windy. Writ to J. B. ℘ George.

24. The same weather. Writ to D^{o} ℘ Mr. Hubard.

25. Still the same but not so windy.

26. Clear but not cold. had let^{r} ℘ Geo. & gave 3 Bitts.

27. a very rainy day. no church p. m. few in morn.

28. broken clouds & sunshine. Old Peter died.

29. a Charm^{g} sun^{y} day & warm. Sup^{d} wth Comiss^{y}.

30. a fine day, & yet but few at church to-day.

31. a D^{o} but cloudy. at Mr Prentis's by invitat^{n}.

February.

1. a good day. Had Company, Mr Prentis &c.

2. a good candlmr^{s} day. Had D^{o} from ye College.

3. a fine morn but cloudy & windy p. m. y^{e} ——.

4. a Clear morn then Cloudy then clear & cool.

5. a fine day but preety Cool Even.

6. a fine day. rec^{d} a lett^{r} fr^{m} Mr Peachey.

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[1] William Prentis, father of Judge Joseph Prentis, and partner of John Blair and Wilson Cary in merchandising.

[2] Dr. Peter Hay, an eminent physician. Vol. VII., p. 53.

[3] Peter Pelham, organist of Bruton Church, in Williamsburg.

7. a D° but windy. dined at Col. Burwells had fine Greens that were plant^{d} ab^{t} 1st Sep^{r}.

8. a D° Col^{o} Bolling here & Ja^{s} Blair from York.

9. a charm^{g} day. p^{d} Mr Everard[1] for Sec^{y} £11 1s 5d of wch 2 D. Loons had of Palmer w° but £8 10s 9d.

10. Cloudy & Cold. Spent ye even^{g} at Mr Powers.

11. a very rainy day. writt to ye Pres^{t} wth Col. Pattons Letters.

12. a fine clear day. Gate ag^{n} carried by 9 to 4 in Vestry.

13. a D° Gave Palmer[2] Terrys Bonds & papers ab^{t} £90.

14. Cloudy & cold p. m. at Mrs Derings outcry put on new Belt to day, wch satt well.

15. a very rainy day. Matt run off this morning.

16. Clearing up & warm. some of Mr Rand^{s} goods found.

17. Cloudy again. Mr Comiss^{y} preach^{d} twice.

18. a very rainy day till p. m. no court at York.

19. a fine warm sunny day for ye cock fight.

20. a D° sent & found my Tombstone[3] on Shoar.

21. Cloudy & rainy Shew^{d} Mr Muir ye Gov^{rs} house.

22. fair. Matt. bro^{t} home. Writt to Col. Lew^{s} again. Mr Burwell saw Mrs. Goosley at Sandy Point, whither she had lately gone to be cook. vizt. she went 13th.

23. D° Ned order'd by M^{r} atto^{y} to be taken up.

24. a fine day, and gr^{t} number of communicants.

25. a D° Writt to Blagrave by Ben, also to Lt. Terry & to Henry Gilbert.

26. a cloudy rainy day, talk'd to Mrs. Webb ab^{t} Matt.

27. a cloudy day. Spoke wth att° ab^{t} Matt & about Jackson, & gave names of Evidences ag^{t} him.

28. Cloudy. Writt to Mr Riddick & Mr Watson.

March.

1. a fine fair day. Balconies taken down. Col. Ludwell[4] kept me up till past 12. Saw them at work on the mill wch was begun a day or two before.

2. a D° Sent my Letter to Mrs Watson to ferry.

3. a cloudy day. a Brist^{w} man ariv^{d} Mr Prest^{n} preach^{d}.

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[1] Thomas Everard, clerk of the General Court.

[2] John Palmer, a lawyer and bursar of the college, married Elizabeth Low Tyler, aunt of Governor John Tyler.

[3] Tombstone of Dr. James Blair, now in fragments at Jamestown.

[4] Col. Philip Ludwell, of Green Spring, member of the Council.

4. Cloudy & cool. Mrs Bennet cast in £5 to Coulthard. Archie began to be wean'd to-day.

5. Snow'd last night, but thaw'd much to-day.

6. fine sunny day. sent Listr to Matt. some spots of snow.

7. a Do attended Matt's Trial at York.

8. a Do after Consultn gave a wart agt Lyon.

9. Cloudy, some rain. Consultd Mr Atto abt Lyon.

10. Rainy. Col. Custis[1] dined with us.

11. Fair. J. C. Court. I bot 5000lb Tob. there.

12. Fair. Writt to ye President abt a Prohibn.

13. Cloudy p. m. Messengr retd from Col. Randolph.

14. Cloudy p. m. Sent to ye Prest abt Corn. No ansr.

15. Do some sun, warm & Thunder at nt had a Vestry.

16. Clear & warm, had a beef frm Chicy yesterday the man surpd at Spint, Garden & Pictures.

17. Do had Acct of ye Stone broke. 5 vistd. Matt. sick.

18. fair but windy at Green Spring. We gather'd oranges.

19. fine day. Col. Cary being here we settled ye Dividds at Store. Jno Fox's widdow here to settle bus—disappointd.

20. a fair day. Col. Cary dind here had asparags spoke to Mr With[2] to defend me, attachd Mrs Bennet for Rent.

21. a Do spoke to Stone Cutters, & abt Corn at Mrs Cole's, Chas C.

22. a Do calld to Council ye 28th saw L. Jackn[3] for 1st time.

23. a Do Spoke to Wheatly & Scot abt Govr L. Burwl. came home.

24. a Do Jno Blair[4] went up: Matt. hardy: saw Amson's[5] Gardns &c.

25. a Do but haisy. Settled accos &c. Burnt Rights.

26. haisy & very warm. Mrs Dimon made her exit.

27. a sudn shower at York. Found Col. Lewis[6] very ill this evens.

28. Rainy morns. Col. Lewis better, had a Council & went to Col. N.

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[1] This was Col. Daniel Parke Custis.

[2] George Wythe, the great lawyer and patriot.

[3] Low Jackson, of Nansemond, silversmith, was a counterfeiter of doubloons.

[4] John Blair, Jr., merchant, and cousin of Hon. John Blair. He is named as executor in the will of Dr. George Gilmer in 1758.

[5] Dr. John Amson, of Williamsburg.

[6] Col. John Lewis, of "Warner Hall," in Gloucester county.

29. Charm^{g} day. Dined at Mr Nelson's & came home in ye even^{g}.

30. clear, bluster^{g} & cool. Enqr^{d} for Hands bro^{t} for Sec. offc^{e}.

31. clear & cool. Mrs Blair rec^{d} Lett^{r} from Matt.

April.

1. Clear & cool N. W^{r}. Mrs Blair sett off before 7 this aft^{r}noon. I laid a found^{n} Brick at Capitol.[1]

2. D^{o} but warm^{r}. p. m. rec^{d} 2 Lett^{rs} fr Mr Lyde.[2]

3. Cloudy, y^{n} sun and very hot. Mr Comr^{y} approv^{d} of charges.

4. Some rain, cold, E^{ly} w^{d}. Mr. Blair ret^{d}, saw Jno at N. Castle.

5. Cloudy and rain p. m. Mrs Alcraft here yest^{r}day owes £50.

6. fair day. Blagrave dead on ye 4th. Poor widow.

7. fair day. Miss Sally pleased me wth a request.

8. Ditto & very hott that our windows were sett open. Poor Matt & Simon suff^{d} to-day in drink.

9. Clear & warm then cloudy & cool. dispat^{d} Boson.

10. Clear morn, hard rain at N^{t}. John came home.

11. Clear & cool. Invit^{d} to dine below this Court.

12. Clear then cloudy. Writt to Mrs B. & Col. B. Stark.

13. Cloudy & warm, then a sm^{rt} Rain. many motions to-day.

14. Charm^{g} day but warm. Mr Ja^{s} Blair came to Town.

15. very warm. Poor Jackson seperat^{d}. Col. Bolling come.

16. rainy. 24 Gr^{d} Jurymen sworn. Court crowded. Jackson convicte^{d} of coining betw^{n} 6 & 7 in Even^{g}.

17. clear & cool. writ to Mrs Blair by Col. Bolling.

18. D^{o} & very cool. took pains for a Comm^{n} fr. Fred$^{'s}$ Sh^{r}.

19. Rainy. A notable motion for a Prohibition to the Court of Admiralty at Col. Custis.

20. fair and cool, Jacksons app^{l} admitt^{d} by 3 to 2.

21. D^{o}. Mr Cam[3] preached 2 ex^{t} Sermons here.

22. Rainy day. Col. C. Carter refus^{d} in court to serve on Jury. rec^{d} lett^{rs} fr. M^{rs}. Blair, Col Boll^{g}, & Col. Ken^{n} wth Wheat.

23. fair & cool. Coun^{l} din^{d} wth att^{o}, had a meet^{g} of Cape Comp^{y}.

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[1] The capitol had been burned in 1748, and it was re-erected on the old foundations, which were in the shape of an H. The capitol was burned again in 1832.

[2] This Mr. Lyde was probably a son of Major Cornelius Lyde, who died at his home in King William county, January 20, 1737. This last was son of Lionel Lyde, "an eminent merchant in Bristol."—*Virginia Gazette*, January 27, 1737.

[3] John Camm, afterwards President of the College.

24. Ditto. A notable Plea ag^{t} York Court.
25. D^{o}. I was admit^{d} a Govr of ye College a B. meeting.
26. Cloudy. Writt & sent Cash ℘ Mrs Cary.
27. D^{o} & rainy even^{g}. Talk of Jackson^{s} new Trial.
28. D^{o} & very cold. Coach went to York wth Mrs Waters.
29. Clear very cold. Pyrates can't be tried w^{thout} ye Presid^{t} I hear ye Ind^{ns} have killed 2 fam^{ys} of ours.
30. Warmer. Mary Bridges recov^{d} £200.

May.

1. Warmer. Gave War^{t} to Bird wth L^{r} to Govr Jnoston.
2. Do. Bird sett off wth the Pirates to Carolina.
3. Do. A Verd^{t} in my fav^{r} was unhap^{ly} lost.
4. Rainy Even^{g}. Writ by Dr Gilmer & Mr Burwell.
5. Rainy. Rec^{d} Letters from Mrs Blair, &c.
6. fair & cool. Pronounced Sent^{ce} ag^{t} Jackson & Seal; & 3 more were burnt in hand.
7. Do. had a NB. argume^{t} on the Statute of Maint^{ce}.
8. Do. writt by Mr Nicho^{s}[1] & sent Mr Hood's orders.
9. Warm. Jos^{a} broke Jail last night.
10. Rain & Thund^{r} last n^{t}. Cloud^{y}. Pompey complains that Lest^{r} sent ½ Bar. of Corn ye 8 to his Quart^{r}.
11. Warm walking to Grays, view^{d} ye place for Gov^{rs} house.
12. Hot. Heard Mr Mossom[2] with pleasure.
13. Very hot in travel^{g} home, but all safe.
14. Very cold p. m. Thos Holt called.
15. warmer.. Visited at Col. Jones's, go^{g} away.
16. moderate. Negroe Ship arriv^{d}.[3] Cous^{n} Cary & D^{rs} here.
17. Warm. Ships fro. Lond^{n}. Mr Rule here to-day.
18. Very hot. Din^{d} wth Com^{y}. M^{rs} Bl^{r} ret^{d} & rec^{d} L^{r} fr. Lt. G.
19. Very hot. L. Jackson at Church, Qu. if in Irons.
20. a little drizzle. ord^{d} Shirt to Prison^{r}. beg^{n} my report.
21. a cool day, wind East^{ly} at burn^{g} ye kiln. Rain in Han^{r}.
22. a D^{o}. Sad news to-day of the Prince & Mrs Staunton.[4]

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[1] Robert Carter Nicholas.

[2] Rev. David Mossom, of St. Peters, New Kent, the minister who married Washington.

[3] "Last night arrived in York River the Tryal, Capt. Abraham Saunders, from Angola, with near 400 slaves consigned to Messrs. [Philip] Rootes and [Humphrey] Hill. 'Tis said she has buried very few, and that they are all exceedingly healthy."—*Virginia Gazette*, May 16, 1751.

[4] In the *Virginia Gazette* for May 24, 1751, is published "extract of a

23. a moderate rain to-day. Mrs Blair at Col. Burwell.[1]

24. Cloudy morn, heavy rain & Thundr, afternoon Mr Williams wth me abt Foxes Crop.

25. a heavy rain p. m. my mildam in danger.

26. a moderate day. Mrs Burwell d'd of a Daughter yestrday. My mills escapd thank God.

27. a Do. Writ to Mr Nelson & inclosed my Report.

28. a Do. Col. Fairfax[2] came to town wth Mr Martin.[3] Mr Waller[4] made a kind mention of Mr Burwell.

29. a Do. Counselrs at Church. Mr Dawson preachd.

30. a Do. Col. F—x &c dind here, visited Palace & Capitol. Mr Martin, Mr Withers & Mr Wood[5] wth him.

31. a Do. Colo Fairfax left us, not to be here at O. T.

June.

1. a fair day Mrs Berkly died at Col. Burwells.

2. a Do a Letr brot here for ye Presidt wth pr for *Cancer*.

3. a Do Sharpr condemned. Four Runaways Judged. a sad Story of a Negroe drownd & his head split In.

4. a cool day. had a sad Story of ye death of Mary Jackson.

5. a Do Began a charge to the Grand Jury.

6. a Do Gave a Proclamn to be printd to prorogue the assembly to the last Thursday in Octbr.

7. Rain'd a little. Cole brot in his acct £8 10 6.

8. hard Wind & rain at Green Spring read Sign mani.

9. a cold day, ord fires: Mr Menzies[6] prd.

Letter from London to a gentleman in Williamsburg, dated March 23. 'I am sorry I have so melancholy a Piece of News to transmit to you as the death of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, who died on Wednesday night last after a short illness. His Majesty is under great concern for the loss; and truly mournful will be the General mourning, except among the enemies of our happy Constitution.' By a letter from London we are informed of the Death of Mrs. Anne Staunton, sister to Lady Gooch, who died on the 24th of March, much regretted by all her acquaintances."

[1] Col. Carter Burwell, of "Carter's Grove," six miles from town. The old brick house is still standing.

[2] "The Hon. William Fairfax is arrived in the *Hatly*."—*Virginia Gazette*, May 24, 1751. He was cousin and agent of Lord Thomas Fairfax.

[3] Thomas Bryan Martin, nephew of Lord Fairfax.

[4] Benjamin Waller, Esq., an eminent lawyer.

[5] James Wood, surveyor, who laid out the city of Winchester, in Frederick county.

[6] Rev. Adam Menzies.

10. cool. busy writing to Eng^{d} & wth Sher. J. City.

11. cool. busy wth the Court. Guns fired.

12. D^{o} consulted ab^{t} ye Gov^{rs} House and I am desired to write to Presid^{t}.

13. Warm—very busy. Col. Custis & Foster here.

14. D^{o} writ to Mr Nelson[1] & finish^{d} to Presid^{t}.

15. D^{o} Sent Express to York & Glo^{r}, who ret^{d} with 4 Letters from the President.

16. D^{o} Writt another to the Presid^{t}.

17. D^{o} rain & Thund^{r}. Bird went off.

18. D^{o} but cool Even^{g} my Cart went to Ja^{s} Town.

19. pleasant day. but cou^{d} not go to Ja^{s} Town.

20. D^{o} went to Jam^{s} Town, Mrs Yates, & Green Spring[2], had 1500 Bricks 20 Bush^{ls} Lime & 7 ^{lbs} Lead.

21. Warm & dry—Talkt wth Dr Dixon ab^{t} Young.

22. D^{o} very dry. Mr Att^{o} gone to ye wed—g.

23. D^{o} we went into mourn^{g} for ye Prince.

24. D^{o} they raised ye first Window on Cap^{l} Wall.

25. D^{o} Jno Burwell sick. Supp^{d} wth Mr Rector.

26. a good rain in Even^{g}. Settled NK^{s} Rent Roll.

27. fine day. Bird ret^{d} p. m., & I writ ag^{n} to Pr^{t}.[3]

28. D^{o} Birds boy left ye Trunks at Presid^{ts}.

29. a Rainy day. so missed reap^{g} our Wheat.

30. Still rainy. saw C. Jacks^{n} & Js. Nich^{s} at Holts.

July.

1. hot day. reap^{d} all. Carter's License denied. Mr J. R[4] got an ague since mar^{d}. Speaker sign^{d} License.

2. D^{o} hard rain & thun^{r} at N^{t} Got Bar^{l} Molas^{s} home.

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[1] William Nelson, Esq., of Yorktown. His brother, Thomas, was Secretary of State.

[2] Green Spring, formerly the residence of Sir William Berkley, is about six miles from Williamsburg. The main building appears to have had about ten rooms. Its ruins still stand.

[3] "The Honourable Lewis Burwell, Esq., President of this Colony, is returned from the medicinal springs on the frontiers, where he has been some time for the recovery of his health, and we hear he has received much benefit by the waters. He is now at his seat in Gloucester county."—*Va. Gazette, June* 27, 1751. The springs were the Warm Sulphur Springs, in Berkeley county, and the Burwell place was "Fairfield," on Carter's creek, in Gloucester.

[4] John Randolph, Esq., the brother of Peyton Randolph, the Attorney-General, married Ariana Jenings, daughter of Edmund Jenings, Esq. He was father of Edmund Randolph, of the Revolution.

3. Hard rain in Ev^{g} & N^{t} Mr Dinwiddie's coming confirm^{d}.

4. fair. Mr Presid^{t} at home yet. Gather^{d} our Pears.

5. D^{o} Visited at Mr Att^{os} Mr Grymes [1] and lady there too.

6. Rainy & cloudy. Jno Blair &c, at Taskenask.

7. D^{o} morn. Sun p. m. Mrs Bride, Mrs Grymes, Mrs Burwell, Mrs Att^{o} &c. visited Mrs Blair who could not go to church.

8. fair day. drew a Note on Prent^{s} £15 13s 4d for Tob.

9. a little rain p. m. First course of M^{r} B's House laid.

10. fair day. Fine Entert^{t} of music at Braffert^{n}.[2]

11. D^{o} read Mr Bacons Papers sent me now.

12. D^{o} Writ to him my approb^{n} of it, & shew^{d} it Mr Comiss^{y} next day, who approv^{d} it & desir^{d} he mi^{t} give it.

13. D^{o} at the Com^{ry} ye Ev^{g} ln pleas^{t} Comp^{s} Col. Boll^{g} here.

14. D^{o} & hot. Mr Bacon preach^{d} on My Yoke is Easie, & p. m. on, There is a Time for all purposes.

15. D^{o} D^{o} Mr Preston[3] sup^{d} here, very agreeable.

16. D^{o} Mr Bacon &c din^{d} here, we had fine musick.

17. D^{o} he din^{d} wth Dr Gilm^{r}. Fine Viol^{n} Mr Pettit danced fine.

18. D^{o} My Barber wants Cr^{t} & my miller has 9 Bar^{ls}.

19. D^{o} Mr King a good Benefac^{r} to Mr Bacon's School.[4]

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[1] Hon. Philip Grymes, of Brandon, in Middlesex, on the Rappahannock river, member of the council.

[2] Brafferton building at the college where the Indian school was taught.

[3] William Preston (who married Mary Tyler, aunt of Gov. John Tyler) Professor of Moral Philosophy in the College.

[4] The Mr. Bacon referred to was Rev. Thomas Bacon, rector of Saint Peter's Church, Talbot county, Maryland, who collected the laws of that province. He originated a scheme for erecting a charity working school in Talbot county. The *Gazette* (July 25, 1751) states that gentlemen and ladies in England, Maryland, and Virginia had contributed to the scheme. Mr. Bacon preached a charity sermon, which he had published, and sold for one shilling a copy, for the aid of the fund. The *Virginia Gazette* for October 24, 1751, has the following:

"WILLIAMSBURG, *October* 24, 1751. The Trustees and Managers for the Charity Working School now setting up in Talbot county, Maryland, having received the following contributions to the said pious design by the hands of the Rev. Mr Bacon, from the several under-named Gentlemen and Ladies in this Colony, do hereby desire the worthy Benefactors to accept their sincerest thanks for the same:

Peyton Randolph, his Majesty's Attorney-General, for . . .	2 Guineas.
The Rev. Richard Graham, Professor of Mathematics in William & Mary College, at Williamsburg, for	1 Pistole.
The Rev. Mr William Preston, Professor of Moral Philosophy in ditto, for	1 pistole.

20. D° Settl^{d} wth Sher. J^{s} C^{ty} visit^{d} Com^{y} ab^{t} go^{g} to his church.
21. D° very dusty. Visit^{d} my Uncle's Tomb & din^{d} at Gr^{n} Spring.
22. Fine rain this morn^{g}. Mr Bacon hav^{g} pre^{d} twi^{ce} yesterd^{y} took his leave of us this day wth m^{y} thanks & go^{d} wishes.
23. fair & cool. Mr Dawson shew^{d} me ye Presiden^{ts} Lett^{r}.
24. D° writ to Presid^{t} found Burw^{ls} house too smal.
25. Rainy morn^{g}. They got to Ferry bet^{n} Rain.
26. fair. Mr Bolling here. Bob sail'd yest^{r}day wth Wilkie.
27. D°. wait^{d} on Com^{y} & writ to Mr Nelson ab^{t} council.
28. D° had Mr Nelson's answ^{r} & writ to Presid^{t} ℘ Expr^{s}.
29. Rain last N^{t} sent off the Expr^{s} & had answer.

The Hon. & Rev. William Dawson, D. D., President of the College, for	£5 sterling.
The Hon. John Blair, Esq., Auditor-General of Virginia, for	5 Guineas.
Ditto for his annual subscription of 2 Guineas, of which received for the past year	2 Guineas.
The Rev. Mr Thomas Dawson, Rector of Wmsburg, for	3*l.* 12*s.*
A Gentleman desiring to be unknown, for	1 Doubloon.
A Lady desiring to be unknown, for	1 pistole.
Miss Priscilla Bassett, for	1 pistole.
"The two last received by the hands of Mr Thomas Dawson.	
Dr George Gilmer, for	2 pistoles.
A Gentleman desiring to be unknown, for	1 Guinea.
Walter King, Esq., for	2 Doubl'ons.
The Hon. Thomas Nelson, Esq., Secretary, for	1 Doubloon
The Rev. Mr John Camm, Rector of York-Hampton, for	1 pistole.
Warner Lewis, Esq., for	1 Doubloon
A Gentleman desiring to be unknown, for	1 Guinea.
The Hon. John Lewis, Esq., for	1 Doubloon.
The Hon. William Nelson, Esq., for	5 pistoles.
The Rev. Mr William Yates, Rector of Abington, in Gloucester County, for	1 pistole.
The Rev. Mr John Fox, Rector of Ware, in Gloucester County, for	1 Doubloon.
Ralph Wormeley, Esq., for	1 Doubloon.
Peter Robinson, Esq., for	2 pistoles.
Coll Francis Willis, for his annual Subscription of 3 pistoles, of which he has paid for the past year	3 pistoles.
Mr^{s}. Willis, for	1 Doubloon.
Mr. Mordecai Booth, for	2 pistoles.
who is also a subscriber of 1 guinea per year.	
Mr John Norton, for	2 Guineas.

"N. B. The said school is to be opened on the first day of December next with six boys in a small house prepared for their Reception, and will be increased as soon as a proper Building can be erected, the Plan of which is now under consideration of the Trustees."

30. D° communicat^{d} ye answ^{r} & prepar^{d} for y^{e} Council.
31. D° breakfast^{d} wth y^{e} Secr^{ye} & Bro^{r} Lodg^{d} wth Col. Lud.

August.

1. Fair—writ at Col Lewis's to y^{e} Pres: but not sent then.
2. D°—Communicated the whole to Mr Grymes & desired him to speak to the Mr Nelsons.
3. D° Communicat^{d} my Let^{r} fr Col Lew$^{s's}$ to Col Ludwell
4. D°–Col Patton[1] come. writ to the Presid^{t} by him.
5. Rain—ord^{d} Tents. King's Negroes sell well. of 50 Bar^{ls} Corn from Mr Hood I had 35.
6. Fair—Col Patton says y^{e} Presid^{t} will be here 8 & Coun^{l} ♀.
7. D° The Presid^{t} here. I wait^{d} on him at Gov^{rs} house.
8. D° He gave a private audience to the Embassy.[2]
9. Had a Council at ye Gov^{rs} who advised a Present.
10. Cloudy wth spitting of rain. wait^{d} on Com^{y} wth Represent^{n}.
11. Fair. had Letter yesterday from Jackson.
12. D° Writ to Col Randolph ab^{t} representa^{n}.
13. D°—had a Judgm^{t} ag^{t} Bray for £8 17s. 1½d. sent Bird to York wth sundry to the Nelsons.
14. D° had a Lett^{r} from ye Presid^{t} ℞ Danl Carrol.
15. rainy & cool. Dined at the College aft^{r} Chappel.
16. Fair. Saw sev^{l} Dances betw^{n} Notto^{s} & Cherok^{s}.
17. D° The Cherokees sett off. ord^{d} the Noto^{s} £5 that night they lost a Gun: To be enquired for.
18. D° Gave Lane a Lett^{r} to Jackson & set up Notice at church.
19. D° p^{d} H. Gilb^{t} £4 6s. 10½d. Mr Byrd Sign^{d} for Jackson.
20. D° Gave Mr Holt a full acco^{t} of J—n's affair.
21. very hot—Mr Blow p^{d} me for Land £30 8s. 4d.

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[1] For a sketch of Col. Patton, ancestor of the Pattons, Prestons, etc., see *Dinwiddie Papers*, Vol. I., page 8.

[2] From the *Gazette* it appears that, a day or two before, a Cherokee chief, with eight of his nobles and about thirty attendants, arrived in town as an embassy from the head chief of *Choto*. They wanted to establish a trade with Virginia. Soon after, it was rumored that Nottoways, their enemies, were also approaching. The President bade the Cherokees to arm themselves, that they might defend their lives; but on August 15 the Nottoways marched into town with the white flag. Then the Cherokees, also hoisting the white flag, and marching by beat of drum, met the Nottoways in the market-place. From there they repaired to the courthouse, where, after speeches, the pipe of peace was produced. All differences being adjusted, they met in the evening at the camp of the Cherokees, and danced together around a large fire.

22. D° communic^d to Mr King my Lett^r to J——n.[1]

23. high Wind at Col. Burwells. Col Burw^l & Mr Robinson there.

24. a good rain. Hendriken plant^d aft^r a weeks pos'sion.

25. fair & cool. Mrs Blair sick in Church. Visit^d Capt Tate.

26. D° new markt my Lott. Two contend^g for Bennets.

27. Cloudy at Col° C^r Burw^l's. made a Prop^l to him & communicat^d.

28. Fair & cool. Chang^d Gold £3 13*s*.—mett Mr Wall^r at Cap^l.

29. very cold had fire. Council settled Camps & Byrd's acco^ts.

30. D° Finish'd ye Contract wth Taliaferro for ye Gov^rs house.[2] Gave Mr Watson a Letter to Mr Hanbury ab^t Jackson & copies of my Report, Sentance, & reasons for it.

31. Fair & warmer. Gave him copy of my Let^r to J—kson this morn^g. ye Bell toll'd for Mr Wallers son.

September.

1. Fine & fair. Mr Miller dined here, had Green Peas.
2. D° and Brick Earth for Gov^rs Setl^d a N. B. arrear.
3. Warm & dusty. Visite^d Deloney all sick. Cocke sick.
4. Haisy morn. set off for Hampton, & got there safe.
5. Col Hunter[3] & his Lady came up to see us.
6. Mrs Blair took a vomit. I had a Purging.
7. Treated with Proby & others—too dear.
8. Heard Mr Fife[4] preach, and baptise p. m.
9. Dined at Col. Hunters & heard Harpsicor^d.
10. Dined at Ceely's,[5] a pretty view of Ships.

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[1] Low Jackson was reprieved till the king's wish was known.

[2] The palace was not occupied for some years after this, which explains the statement (otherwise contradictory of what we know of the size of the palace) of Governor Dinwiddie, in one of his letters, that in the house then occupied by him there "were three rooms below besides the garret rooms." At its first construction, the palace was made 54 feet by 48; and it was afterwards (probably now) enlarged to 74 feet by 68. (See QUARTERLY, II., 198; Howe's *Historical Collections of Virginia*, 328.

[3] Col. Hunter, of "Capp's Point" or "Little England," brother of William Hunter, Esq., editor of the *Va. Gazette* and deputy postmaster general. They were sons of William Hunter, a prominent merchant of Hampton, whose death is announced in the *Gazette* for 1739.

[4] Rev. William Fyfe, minister of the church at Hampton.

[5] "Ceeley's," named from Thomas Ceeley, who patented the tract, was the residence of Col. Wilson Cary in Elizabeth City county.

11. Col. Hunter & his Lady din^{d} at Col. Carys. our coach bro^{t} them & set them home.

12. Visited Mr Westw^{d} & Mr Swiny.

13. Very Busy ab^{t} Stairs, & visit^{d} Mrs Curle.

14. Got safe home, but found Betty very ill. poor Lewis sick. Dr Gilmer sick.

15. Rain—Mr Comiss^{y} preach^{d} on Paul 16. 3.

16. Cloudy rainy & cool. Visit^{d} Dr Gilmer & Capit^{l}.

17. very Rainy & threaten^{g} to mills &c.

18. fair & very warm. consult^{d} Mr Hindman.

19. D^{o} spoke to Mr Hunter to publish a cure. sent Birds Boy wth Col. Pattons Lett^{r} to ye Presid^{t}.

20. fair but cool. Col. Ludwell not at Genl Muster.

21. Cloudy. Archie, Nancy & Betty sick, I am not well Ned Edwards taken & carried to Prison.

22. Rain last night, cloudy & cool. Visit^{d} at Mrs Bassets.[1]

23. Cloudy & rainy. many cold, & much sickness.

24. Still cloudy. We dined at Mrs Bassets, 8 of us.

25. Clear & cold. outcry at Col. Brays. surprised.

26. D^{o} Went wth Dr Gilmer to see Angola Jenny.

27. D^{o} but warm. had Comp^{y} from Mrs Bassets & ye Attorney^{s}.

28. D^{o} Went wth Taliaf^{o}, Wheatly & Taylor to Govr Taliaf^{o} agr^{d} wth Wheatly & made out an invoice.

29. D^{o} this day we went into second mourn^{g} M^{r} D——n preach^{d} on Providence Genl & particular.

30. D^{o}—ordered Lease for Hendriken. Burgl^{y} attempt^{d}.

October.

1. Cloudy—Delony beg^{n} to raise the 2^{d} Floor.

2. Sunny—rais^{d} 2^{d} gr^{t} Timb^{r} & made work for Bricklay^{r}. Gave Mr Wyth Mr Warrington's Bond to sue.

3. very warm. rais^{d} 4 more gr^{t} Timb^{rs} a forcib^{le} Ent^{y} on Burw^{l}.

4. D^{o}—a surpris^{g} mar Robt Whitf^{d} fr^{m} Isle of W^{t}.

5. D^{o}—rais^{d} some Timb^{rs} over Genl Co^{rt}[2] pd. Wilkins.

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[1] Mrs. Bassett was Elizabeth Churchill, daughter of William Churchill, Esq., and widow of Col. William Bassett, of Eltham. On September 28, 1752, Francis Jerdone, of Yorktown, wrote to Mr. James Foulis, per the *Prince William*, Capt. William Smith: "Your good friend, Mr. Commissary Dawson, died about the 20th July (1752). About ten days before that he married the widow Bassett. It is generally said that it was happy for him that he did not live to experience the unhappiness it would have created for him."

[2] These references to building concern the erection of the capitol.

6. D°—Hear ye Act^rs^ are dispersed[2] Presid[1] will n^t^ come. M^r^ D—n on Set thy House in ord^r^ for thou must dye.

7. D° Col. Fairfax & my Cous^n^ din^d^ here, & supped.

8. D° They went to York. The Presid^t^ will come I he^r^.

9. Cooler—sad Damage in Sug^rs^ Presid^t^ is come.

10. Some Rain^g^ Court sworn by ye Presid^t^ Then two of 'em swore him, he then retired, but gave a Dinner.

11. Fair—Mr Plater[2] dined with the Council.

12. Very cold—Govr Ogle[3] expected soon.

13. moderate—Three of ye Council din^d^ here.

14. D° & fair. Mr Kings Cause was try^d^ won.

15. D° Govr Ogle here. Mr. Lewis recov^d^ of King.

16. D° he returned—Col. Fairfax gave a short Charge.

17. D° Sad Story of Mr Wright ord^g^ a Child to be bur^d^ alive.

18. D° Sundry Fines in Court. Enquire.

19. D°—Ano^r^ Meet^g^ ho^se^ pet^d^ for, for Davies.

20. D° wth a little Sprinkling. Mr Preston preach^d^.

21. fair & moderate—Col° Randolph[4] come Ten on ye Bench.

22. D° but cold. No Answ^r^ to ye Expr^s^ fr. Chas Town.

23. D°—Capt Whitwell & din^d^ wth 4 of ye Council.

24. D°—Loney recov^d^ £15 by my chang^d^ opinion & would otherbeen ruin^d^ in seeking Right.

25. D° Mr Steel had hard luck I think.

26. D°—a notable Attachm^t^ confirm^d^ this week ag^t^ Mr Liv^n^, Merch^t^. gone only to East^n^ Shoar.

27. D° Mr. Bacon preach^d^ p. m. Col. Boll^g^ gone.

28. a litt^le^ rain last night. Mrs Benet going out.

29. no rain—Settled acc^t^ Q^t^ R^ts^ Benet gone.

30. fair—wait^d^ on Presid^t^ Treat^d^ wth McKenzie & wth Mr Nicholas, the Purchas^r^, as he said.

31 D°—A Notable Cause of McCartys tried.

November.

1. Windy & very warm, wth little rain in Even^g^.

2. D° but cool. Gave Mr Johnstone Heilands Bond.

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[1] On Monday, October 21, a company of comedians opened at the new theatre, near the capitol, with KING RICHARD I, and a tragic dance, composed by Monsieur Denoier, called the ROYAL CAPTIVE.

[2] Hon. George Plater, of the Maryland council.

[3] Gov. Ogle, of Maryland.

[4] Col. Peter Randolph, of "Chatsworth," Henrico county.

3. D° D° Mr Musgr. Dawson[1] preachd Col. Fairfax & Col. Corbin dined here.

4. cloudy Judy Br. Ingles got a Judgmt for her.

5. Rainy--Mrs Johnson coud not get ye other half.

6. D°—Mr Bacon dind wth ye Council. I spoke to Col. Corbin and Col. Grymes for him.

7. D° wth clear Evens. Settled accots & sent to Presidt.

8. fair—Sent Col. Pattons Lettr to ye Presidt.

9. D° & windy—had a Line, & writ to Col. Patton.

10. D° Mr Dawson on Godliness & Honesty.

11. D° rightd ye House & recd Sums of 5: £186 4s 3d.

12. D° at vestry & busy writing by Mr Holt.

13. fair & calm. still writing—Mr King[2] here—gave Letters to Mr Holt going this Evening.

14. Cloudy—Signed Lease to Hinrikin 11 yrs.

15. fair—Skelton[3] fired ye last Kiln for Capitol.

16. D° Windw frames all fixd in yer places & the Door Cases.

17. D° & warm. Mr Wyth spoke to me abt ——.

18. D° my Chimney begn. But 2 Bricklayrs at Capitol.

19. D° Dined at Doctr Hays. The D. said to be dead.

20. Cloudy & moist. writ answr to Mr Nelson—

21. D° Met the Govr[4] & attend him to his House where 3 of us administd the oaths to him.

22. D° The Govr return'd from York this Evens.

23. fair & warm. Dined wth ye Govr &c. at Mr Attornys.

24. D° but cooler. Invited them for to-morrow.

25. D° The Govr his Lady &c. dined & supd wth us.

26. Cloudy & wet. Sent Coach for Col. Lewis &c.

27. fair & warm. Dined at Docr Gilmers wth Govr &c.

28. D° Govr dined at Doctr Hay's wth his Lady.

29. D° They dined wth Mr Dawson.[5]

30. Rainy. Supped at Finnies wth Mr Mayor.[6]

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[1] Rev. Musgrave Dawson was brother of Rev. William Dawson, president of the college, and father of Hon. John Dawson, member of Congress.

[2] Walter King, an eminent merchant from Bristol, Eng.

[3] James Skelton, appointed general manager of the capitol building.

[4] On November 20th, Governor Robert Dinwiddie arrived at Yorktown with his wife and family, and the next day came to town, where he was met by the recorder, aldermen and common council. Cannon saluted; there was an entertainment, and healths were drunk. In the evening he returned to York.

[5] Rev. Thomas Dawson, rector of Bruton Church.

[6] John Blair, Jr., was chosen mayor of Williamsburg on this day. Alexander Finnie kept the Raleigh Tavern.

December.

1. fair then cloudy, Col. Ruffin dined here.
2. fair. The Govr to lodge at home y^{s} Even^{g}.
3. Cloudy. Dun'd Mr Crosby for J. Blair.
4. Fair & warm morn^{g}. cloudy Even^{g} wth Snow & rain.
5. Drisly all day. read Law all day.
6. D^{o} till Even^{g}, then warm Sunshine.
7. warm suny day. Bricklay^{rs} busy at Capitol.
8. Fine morn. Cloudy p. m. Mr Com^{y} preach^{d}.
9. Cloudy & wet. Was Security for Mr Blair in Ja^{s} City in Twenty odd Thous^{d} pounds.
10. D^{o}—Gave a Cha to ye Gr^{d} Jury.
11. D^{o} The Counsell^{rs} mett at my house, & agreed on a Complim^{t} to ye Govr.
12. fine Day. I laid the last top Brick N. End.
13. D^{o}—waited on ye Govr wth Col. Patton.
14. D^{o}—wait^{d} on D^{o} wth Col. Custis.
15. D^{o}—but cool. 25 hogs yest^{r} day from Hanov^{r}.
16. D^{o}—cold day for York C^{t} kill^{d} 25 hogs.
17. Snow^{d}, all white. had 10 hogs more.
18. fair but cold, Mr King left Town.
19. Cloudy. kill^{d} 10 hogs from Taskenask.
20. D^{o} wth warm Fog & Thaw. 2 hang^{d} to-day.
21. warm Sun. p^{d} Cole ℘ Lackie £4 5s 7½d.
22. Cloudy & cold. Col. Burwell here.
23. Snow^{d} all day very deep.
24. Sun & thawing. Mr Randolph went up.
25. D^{o}—Cavendish bury'd died 24th.
26. D^{o} We dined at the Governors.
27. D^{o} Col. Ludwell there, & our children. 6 small ones by Invit^{n}.
28. Cloudy & miry. Mr King did not sail from York till ye 26th in the Even^{g}. so probably did not get out to Sea til yesterday or to-day.
29. a very warm Sun & gr^{t} Thaw. the Govr was divert^{d} wth ye history of Capt Brookes, all snow gone.
30. hard rain & Thunder, wth smart Lightening, then hail, & after, snow all day, very deep.
31. Clear Sun but very cold. Mr Prentis & his Family dined at ye Governors.

EXTRA NOTES.

[*Written on pages of the almanac opposite to notes given.*

January 12. Wm Taylor drown'd I hear.

14. Spinet came home.

February 1. Writt to H. Gilb^{t}.

2. & sent it ℘ Blagrave a Packet.

7. I blooded Charles.

8. Mr J. B. fr. York.

11. No. J. C. Court.

12. Vestry full 13 present.

15. yest^{r} day Mr Eaton recov^{d}.

March 1. Saw them at work on the mill w^{oh} was begun a day or two before.

24. Mrs Staunton.

28. lodged at Col. Willis's.

29. took my leave of Matt.

31. a Frost this morn^{g}.

April 1. black frost.

2. White D^{o}.

3. very hot.

May 10. at N. K^{t} Court ye 2^{d} day.

16. Ascension.

18. Kiln fired at Cap^{l}, wind West^{ly}

23. Woodward here, some sick.

27. Presid^{t} I hear is returning.

9. Mr Hunter applied to me for my speech at passing sentence ag^{t} Jackson as sev^{l} Gent desired to see it in his *Gazette*, he said.

June 2. Jamie sick.

3. Col. Ludwell din^{d} here.

4 or 5. Mr Wallace confirm'd his taking the house for the year, which he had gone into in April conditionally, to be part of the year if Mrs Blair consented when she came home. He went in ab^{t} the middle of April.

11. O. & Ter. & accession.

12. ascension.

14 or 15. Mr Scrivener buried.

22. Mr Randolph mar^{d}.

25. Mrs Randolph gave a fine acco^{t} of our Gardiner.

27. repaid—gave Mrs Powers a Note for ½ Bar^{l} Corn.

28. Ed. Randolph come in. R. Carter passeng^{r}.

29. Carted Rum for Holt wth our Chalk from the Ferry in Water.

July 1. Mrs Weth^{r}burn died.

3. now buried in wett.

4. Mills safe. Mr Randolph & his Bride &c. came to Town. Mr Burwell came home. Mr Rose dead.

5. Col. Kennon dead I hear.

8. Mrs Wat^{n} & Waller both better.

11. H. Wetherburn married to Mrs Shields.[1]

12. Mr Braxt^{n} 17 & had a Ball.

13. Mr Nick^{s} gave Jamie a Book wth Gamut.

15. Col. Jones p^{d} off his bond.

20. saw a bad Timb^{r} at Cap^{l}.

23. Cous. Jones died, as I heard the 24th.

26. Mrs Thacker died 23^{d}.

28. Mr Prest^{n} on Hope.

31. at Presid^{ts} in Council.

August 2. Col. Bray[2] died in the afternoon.

5. Corn rec^{d}.

6. a Gent wo^{n} buried.

9. a Council ab^{t} Indians. I paid Wm Goodall £21 6s. in part of a years Schooling. 2 Child^{n} Ent^{d} 19th Jan^{y}.

12. Had a Judgm^{t} ag^{t} Brays Est^{t} for £8 17s. 1½d.

17. Hendri^{n} came in.

19. Mr Blair at York to get Wine bro^{t}.

22. at Glost^{r} for D^{s}.

26. Treat^{d} for Land.

28. had notice of a Council ye 29th.

29. Capt Whitwell wth ye Council.

30. Col. Ludwell here. Young Gammel died on the day before.

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[1] Mrs. Shields was quite a character in Williamsburg life. Her maiden name was Ann Marot, daughter of Jean Marot, a French Huguenot, who kept ordinary in Williamsburg. She first married James Inglis, son of Mungo Inglis, first grammar master of the college; then she married James Shields, who died in 1750, and next Henry Wetherburn, both of whom kept tavern. At her house there were frequent balls and dances, as the *Gazette* shows. Her daughter, Ann Shields, married Robert Armistead, and they were grandparents of President John Tyler. (See Shields Family, QUARTERLY, Vol. V., p. 117.)

[2] Col. Thomas Bray, of "Little Town," next to "Kingsmill," on James River. His only daughter, Elizabeth, married Col. Philip Johnson, and had issue, with others, James Bray Johnson, whose daughter and heir, Eliz^{a}, married Chancellor Samuel Tyler.

31. Gamm[l] buried. heard of M[rs] Waller's misfort[ne] from * *

September 1. M[r] Waller's young son Benjamin buried this day, my Coach carried the Bearers, M[r] Blair M[r] Basset M[r] Allen & my son who carried him to his grave on Napkins.

2. Shields' Outcry.

3. rec[d] Mad[rd] Letter.

4. Betsy sick.

9. ab[t] 1 or 2 in y[e] morn[g]. Col. Custis's Favourite Boy Jack died in ab[t] 21 hours illness being taken ill a little before day the 18[th] w[th] a Pain in the back of his Neck for w[ch] he was blooded.

12. M[r] Dawson married.[1]

13. Lewis sick.

15. a parsons wed[g] Serm[n].

16. Molly her Birthday.

17. Rain[d] much. Storm-like.

18. my 2 mills safe.

20. Col. Digges sick.

21. Col. Ludwell sick.

23. Boson here. Bric[k]lay[r] hurt.

24. Dispatch[s].

28. Taliaf[o] rec[d] £50 on my Note y[e] 1[st].

29. Farley from Norfolk has agreed for £10.

30. 2[d] floor not yet beg[n] to be raised.

October 4. Young dead in Prison.

5. Cap[t] Whitwell was married at York.

6. Sacra.

8. M[rs] W[ms] buried. had a false report of M[r] Brandon's death.

15. Gov. Ogle &c. came to Town.

23. Elias died.

28. S[t] Simon & S[t] Jude.

30. My New Tenant came in in Bennets Room, having clean'd the House y[e] 29th.

November 1. I got the Presid[ts] Warr[t] on y[e] Treasur[r] to pay Skelton tow[ds] Capitol £500. had a concert at the College. Col. Fairfax pronounc[d] Sentence ag[t] four, 2 for murder & 2 for Felony.

2. Col. Fairfax wth his son & wife set off for home.

5. Davenp[ts] Wife bury[d]. She died y[e] n[t] before.[2]

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[1] Rev. Thomas Dawson married Priscilla Bassett, daughter of Col. William Bassett, deceased, of Eltham, in New Kent.

[2] Mrs. Margaret Davenport, wife of Joseph Davenport, first town clerk. Their daughter, Elizabeth, married Anthony Hay, keeper of the Raleigh

8. Cart^{d} Wine &c. Mr Nicholas's Benefit Night. Col. Ludwell's Daught^{r} Lucy Baptised.[1]

9. Warm.

14. Planey begun.

18. p^{d} 3s. for Planey.

20. Govr on Shoar.

21. p^{d} Planey £5.

26. plant^{d} flowers.

December 6. We hear Col. Custis had a son born last Saturday, being St Andrews day, but he was born on ye 19th.

24. p^{d} Peal 30s.

25. Ink frozen. Jno Lester bro^{t} Venison from Brunsw^{k} after 10 days absence.

[*To be continued.*[2]]

REV. SAMUEL HENLEY.[3]

HENLEY, SAMUEL, D. D. (1740--1815), commentator, commenced his career as professor of moral philosophy in William and Mary College, Williamsburg, Virginia. On the outbreak of the war of American independence he came to England, obtained an assistant mastership at Harrow School, and soon afterwards received a curacy at Northall in Middlesex. In 1778 he was elected a fellow of the Society of Antiquaries, and four years later he was presented to the living of Rendlesham in Suffolk. His letters show that he continued to spend the greater part of his time at Harrow. Dr. Henley engaged largely in literary work, and maintained an extensive correspondence on antiquarian and classical subjects with Michael Tyson, Richard Gough [q. v.], Dawson Turner, Bishop Percy, and other scholars of the time. In 1779 he edited *Travels in the Two Sicilies*, by Henry Swinburne, the well-known court-chronicler. In 1784 he published with notes an admirable English translation of *Vathek*, the French romance, written (but as yet unpublished) by William Beckford (1759--1844) [q. v.] The French original was not published till 1787. Stephen Weston stated in the *Gentlemen's Magazine*, in 1784, that *Vathek* had

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Tavern, and was mother of George Hay, Attorney General, who prosecuted Aaron Burr. (See QUARTERLY, p. 17.)

[1] She married John Paradise, Esq., of London. (See QUARTERLY, Vol. VI., p. 58.)

[2] John Blair kept a supplementary and fuller diary for the same year in the back of the almanac, which will be published in a second instalment.

[3] This sketch is taken from the *Dictionary of National Biography*, Vol. XXV., p. 420.